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THE SMOOT CONVENTION.

THE Smoot - Sutherland - Anderson - Callister combination gave the Republican party of Utah an injection of "harmony" yesterday that bids fair to put it into a trance for the remainder of the campaign. From start to finish of the convention the hand was the hand of Sutherland, but the voice was the voice of Smoot. Also, the senior senator from Utah and the governor of the same state got a jolt apiece that ought to stir things up considerably. The state of delegates reads like a Smoot caucus roster, and if the same combination works as effectively in the nominating conventions for state and legislative office this fall, Senator Smoot will have the Republican candidates from governor to dog-catcher all in his pocket.

Altogether, yesterday's convention was about as neat a bit of machine work as one could hope to see anywhere. The Kearns people, the Wells people and the people who wanted a united party without regard to any individual, had the road-roller run right over them—and the road wasn't smoothed or sprinkled for the occasion either. The result ought to be satisfactory to the Democrats of the state, since it prepares the way for an entirely comfortable campaign. At the best, the Republicans are not happy among themselves, and one more dose of harmony from Smoot and his friends ought to make a clean sweep in the state for the Democracy.

If an entirely unprejudiced, disinterested outsider might make an observation on this sad occasion, it would be to express surprise at a delegation which includes no member of the Utah delegation in congress. Senator Smoot's refusal to go to the convention may have been due to motives of discretion, but that he should make it impossible for Senator Kearns or Mr. Howell to go seems like a needless bit of cruelty, since it would have been a graceful thing to insist on their selection in spite of their declination.

It may be good politics for Senator Smoot to take absolute control of the Republican party in Utah at this juncture; it may even be good politics for him to have his friends deliberately snub a colleague and strengthen the impression that his church affiliations have made him impregnable in his command of Utah Republicans. This may be good politics, but to an outsider it looks too much like a one-man machine with axes to grind for it to be permanently successful. Voters here, as elsewhere, have good memories, and a recent city election in Salt Lake proved that the independents have a way of upsetting machines and bosses for the good of the public.

Meanwhile the Democrats of Utah will try and bear the prospect of a Republican row as calmly as possible.

THE PURE FOOD BILL.

SENATOR HEYBURN OF IDAHO is to be commended for his courage in continuing his fight for the passage of a national pure food law. Just at this juncture the prospects for securing the enactment of the statute do not seem very favorable. Some very powerful interests are arrayed against the measure, and naturally, for the men who have amassed fortunes by dealing in impure drugs and food products have considerable reluctance about letting go of so good a thing.

That there should be so much hostility to the measure among the senators themselves is rather surprising. They, at least, should have no interest in foisting impure goods upon the public; they, at least, should place counterfeit goods in the same category with counterfeit money. Their opposition is altogether to their discredit. The stuff in many of the articles in every day use is not only not healthful, but absolutely injurious to the systems of people who use them.

We have impure coffee, impure tea, jams that have no suspicion in them of the fruit of which they are said to have been made, oleomargarine sold under the name of butter, adulterated and manufactured honey, "olive" oil made out of cotton seed and dozens of other things in common use that contain everything except what they purport to contain. Now it is quite possible, even probable, that many of the adulterants are not harmful. Some of them may even be beneficial. The point we have made before and the point we make now is that purchasers have a right to know exactly what they are getting.

If they pay the price of a pure product they are entitled to a pure product. The label on the can, glass or package should show what the contents of the can, glass or package are. If a man wants to buy something he knows to be adulterated, that is his individual business. There is no law that prevents him from poisoning himself with whiskey, if he wants to; neither is there any law that prevents him from buying impure food. But the impure stuff should be labeled so that the buyer cannot be deceived.

Our national lawmakers have held that this question is one that should be passed upon by the various states. So it should, and so it has been, by most

of the states, but a national law is needed to keep such articles out of territory over which the United States has exclusive jurisdiction and to prevent the importation of them from foreign countries.

A GREAT SUNDAY PAPER.

THE HERALD has no desire to be boastful, but it believes it may with all modesty refer to the superb Sunday service it is giving its ever increasing army of readers. That the region served by this paper is appreciative of well directed efforts, without regard to expense, has been amply demonstrated by The Herald's increase in circulation business and prestige. No paper ever published in Salt Lake has expended the money and effort that The Herald has made it a fixed policy to expend, in order to publish the best newspaper in its field. While a newspaper is judged very largely on its daily issue, modern conditions have made it possible as modern demands have made it necessary to print a big Sunday paper that every member of a family. This The Herald has been doing for a long time. It has constantly been improving the quality of the paper, widening its scope and increasing its useful and entertaining features.

Tomorrow The Herald will be an especially interesting number. Among the many features that there is here space to mention, the following are perhaps the most noteworthy:

Guy T. Viskinski contributes a sketch of John G. Johnson, and tells in picturesque language how by patient efforts a humble, friendly Philadelphia office boy became probably the most eminent corporation lawyer in the world.

Frederic Palmer has a whole page with pictures describing conditions in Japan and telling how that self-contained people have prepared and are preparing for the greatest war in centuries. The Herald has made an arrangement with Collier's Weekly by which this paper is able to give its readers the literary and artistic product of Collier's entire staff in the Orient.

Mr. Palmer's letters are recognized as the best matter coming from that far side of the world.

Eliza Orne White has a story, "Miss Deborah's Garden Toward," which is written in that popular author's best vein.

A. H. Hummel, the New York criminal and theatrical lawyer, writes of "Owney Geoghegan, Bad Man," in which the famous Bowery character's picturesque life-story is told in vivid words.

For those interested in theatricals there will be a full page of interesting comment and incident and in addition Franklin Fyle's letter from New York. There will also be a special story about the production this week at Harvard of "Hamlet." Readers of the daily press know much about the preparation for this event. Forbes Robertson, the English tragedian, appeared in the title role and the theatre was made into a perfect reproduction of an Elizabethan playhouse for the occasion.

"The Genial Idiot," John Kendrick Bangs' delightful creation, discusses "Fame" with his sweet, humorous philosophy.

Frederic J. Haskin will have another story about the Chileans, this one dealing with that race in a business way and pointing out some of the moral defects of the people.

Amelia Gordon continues her series on etiquette with a paper on "The agreeable home guest." Mrs. Cornelia C. Bedford will tell about the possibilities of a chafing dish and will give breakfast menus adapted to that utensil. Ernest Harold Baynes' contribution will be a nature story about "When the snow melts away."

Another new feature will be "The Dover Chest Girl," in which the latest girl's fad is fully explained. Of course Walt McDougall will have his page of fun and pictures.

In addition to these purely Sunday features The Herald will have as usual the best sporting page, prepared not to put money into any promoter's pocket, but to instruct and inform its readers. The news will all be there and it will all be straight. The news of the entire world, adequately illustrated, completes a brief summary of what The Herald tomorrow will carry.

ASSOCIATE CHARITIES.

ANY EFFORT to do charity work in this city must convince an intelligent observer that something is wrong with the conditions under which philanthropy finds an outlet. There is no lack of people who wish to do good for their fellow men, and there is certainly no lack of people who need help of a practical sort. Also, and unfortunately, there are numbers of undeserving who cripple the efforts of those who wish to help people who are really in need, and right here is the chief difficulty.

The Herald has traced a number of cases where individuals and families have lived on the benevolence of others for months, in one case for several years, when they needed no aid, were being trained in the meanest kind of pauperism and were robbing the really needy. In at least one instance, the man claimed to be poor beyond belief, alleged he was a veteran of the Grand Army and collected money for months on the strength of an old army costume he wore for his begging trips. As a matter of fact he was married, his wife possessed a little property and he himself was amply able to do enough work to earn a living if he had not been too dishonest and too lazy to work. Even if he had been deserving, there would have been no need of his begging if he had really been a Grand Army veteran, yet numbers of business men and other people of means contributed to the maintenance of this old scoundrel in comfort.

The remedy for this condition of affairs is simple and has been found very effective in other cities. The charities of the city ought to be associated in some form so that a central office could be maintained for the investigation of all cases of need or destitution. In genuine cases this central office could disburse the money needed, it could make the collection of all contributions through private sources and it could act in conjunction with the city and county authorities to the great advantage of everybody interested in charity. It would furnish a sure preventive of fraudulent claims for aid and it would give a confidence in the effectiveness of charitable work that could be furnished no other way.

The Herald hopes the leaders of the various charitable organizations of the city will take steps soon to form an association of this sort.

SOCIETY

Word has been received in the city of another musical triumph of Mrs. Percy Somers-Cocks, formerly of this city and now of London. At a recent musical given at the home of Lady Henry Somerset, Mrs. Cocks was the vocalist, and as Queen Alexandra and a number of members of the royal family were present, the event was one of note. Mrs. Cocks was warmly received and personally complimented by the queen and some of the princesses.

Mrs. R. J. Caskey gave a very pleasant afternoon affair yesterday in compliment to her guest, Mrs. L. N. Smith of Logan. About twenty-two friends enjoyed the time with thrills and later refreshments were served. The house was beautifully decorated with a quantity of spring flowers, both wild and cultivated, which were sent by friends from St. George.

The College Women of the university were the hostesses last evening at a very delightful spring party given in the museum building. The affair was a leap year party and was enjoyed by the young women of the society and a large number of their friends.

The Browning section of the Ladies' Literary club will meet today at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. A. H. Boxrud, on Sixth East street.

Mrs. William Brown of Boulder is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. J. J. Devereaux.

Mrs. Robertson of Ogden is in the city on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Allen T. Sanford.

Mrs. John R. Twelves and her daughter, Mrs. Fawn Twelves of Provo, are visiting in the city.

Mrs. J. T. Treasure will entertain the women of the Plate club and their husbands this evening at 8:15 at her home, 114 East First South street.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Stowe will shortly be back in their home at 210 East Third South street.

Dr. Terrell and Mrs. and Miss Terrell have moved and are settled at Mrs. La Forge's, 413 East Third South street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay T. Harris are home from a lengthy stay in the east and south, and are guests for a short time at the Amelia Palace.

Miss Adelaide Nason has gone east for a stay of several months.

Mrs. Aurelia Todd of St. George is in the city on her way to the coast.

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